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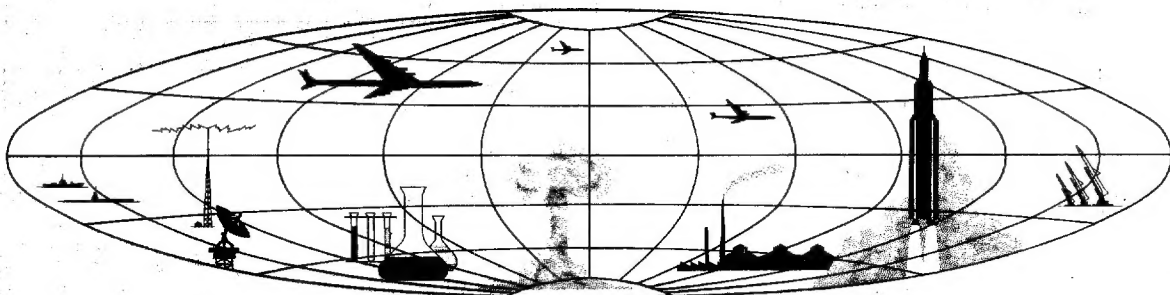


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IMMEDIATE PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION REPORT

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REPRESENTS A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FROM BRASS KNOB MISSION 3450, DATED 25 FEBRUARY 1963. THE NUMBER APPEARING AT THE END OF THE HEADER LINE IS THE COMOR TARGET NUMBER.

-MISSILES-

GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 1 2257N 08239W

SITE ABANDONED. NO ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

25X1D

SAGUA LA GRANDE MRBM SITE 1 2243N 08001W

ARCHED-ROOF BUILDING REMAINS.

25X1D

SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 4 2246N 08258W

SITE APPEARS TO BE ABANDONED. NO MILITARY ACTIVITY NOTED.

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GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 2 2257N 08236W

NO ACTIVITY OBSERVED. APPROXIMATELY 8-10 VEHICLES IN SUPPORT AREA BETWEEN SITES 1 AND 2.

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TAPASTE AREA, STORAGE SITES 2303N 08207W

NO APPARENT CHANGE.

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SALAMANCA, SUSPECT SSM ACTIVITY 2227N 07940W

NO MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

25X1D

BELLAMAR, SUSPECT SSM ACTIVITY 2302N 08133W

NO MISSILE ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

25X1D

MATANZAS CITY, LA CUMBRE ALTA 2304N 08133W

NO APPARENT CHANGE.

25X1D

CUEPA DEL CURA 2302N 08206W

SEE TAPASTE AREA STORAGE SITES.

25X1D

MARIEL SAM SITE 2300N 08249W

CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS IN AT LEAST 4 LAUNCH
REVEITEMENTS. SEVEN CANVAS-COVERED TRANSPORTERS, 12
CANVAS-COVERED PRIME MOVERS. GUIDANCE AREA OCCUPIED.

25X1D

MATANZAS SAM SITE 2301N 08129W

SITE CONTAINS 6 LAUNCHERS (4 APPEAR TO BE CANVAS
COVERED), 4 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND

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GUIDANCE RADAR WHICH APPEARS PARTIALLY CANVAS COVERED.
SCATTERED CLOUDS AND HAZE PRECLUDE FURTHER
INTERPRETATION.

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HAVANA SAM SITE 2309N 08213W

SITE CONTAINS 6 LAUNCHERS, GUIDANCE AREA, AND HOLD
POSITION -- ALL CANVAS COVERED.

25X1D

CIENFUEGOS SAM SITE 2202N 08024W

SITE CONTAINS 6 LAUNCHERS, EACH WITH A MISSILE
TRANSPORTER ALONGSIDE.
GUIDANCE RADAR IS UNCOVERED.

25X1D

SANCTI SPIRITUS SAM SITE 2147N 07929W

SITE CONTAINS 6 LAUNCHERS AND 6 CANVAS-COVERED
MISSILE TRANSPORTERS.
POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2257N 08221W

SITE CONTAINS APPROXIMATELY 25 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS
AND AT LEAST TWO TRUCKS.

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LOMA DE TIERRA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08213W

NO APPARENT CHANGE.

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HOLGUIN SAM SITE 2052N 07627W

SIX UNREVIEWED LAUNCHERS (FOUR MISSILES ON LAUNCHERS),
7 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, SEVEN VEHICLES/
PIECES OF EQUIPMENT IN GUIDANCE REVETMENT.

25X1D

MANAGUA SAM SITE 2259N 08215W

SITE CONTAINS 6 LAUNCH REVETMENTS. FOUNDATION HAS
BEEN INSTALLED IN GUIDANCE REVETMENT, INTERIOR ROADS
ARE BEING GRAVELED. FOUR LARGE, 2 MEDIUM, AND 4
SMALL TENTS, AND APPROXIMATELY 9 VEHICLES OBSERVED
IN SUPPORT AREA.

25X1D

SANTA CRUZ DEL NORTE CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2309N 08156W

NO APPARENT CHANGE.

25X1D

LA SIERRA CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2156N 08019W

NO ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

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CAMPO FLORIDA CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2306N 08211W

SITE CONTAINS 2 LAUNCHERS, 8 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE
TRAILERS AND 6 CRUISE-MISSILE CRATES.

25X1D

GUERRA POSSIBLE CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2300N 08250W

APPROXIMATELY 45 CRUISE-MISSILE CRATES,
APPROXIMATELY 200 VEHICLES IN HEADQUARTERS AREA.

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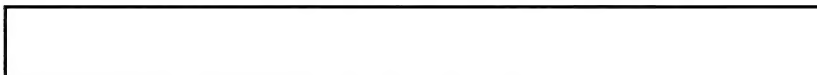
-AIRFIELDS-

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HOLGUIN AIRFIELD 2048N 07618W

NO AIRCRAFT VISIBLE IN CLEAR AREAS.

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CORONEL PASCUAL AIRFIELD 2307N 08117W

AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED.

25X1D



SAN ANTONIO DE LOS BANOS AIRFIELD 2252N 08231W

SIX TWIN-ENGINE TRANSPORTS, 11 SWEEP-WING FIGHTERS,
2 LIAISON-TYPE, AND 10 B-26. HAZE AND OBLIQUITY
PRECLUDE FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

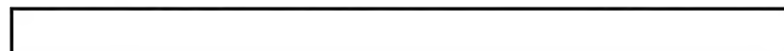
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CAMPO LIBERTAD AIRFIELD 2306N 08226W

AIRCRAFT -- 32 LIAISON TYPE, 8 ZLIN TRENER, AND 6
PROBABLE COLT.

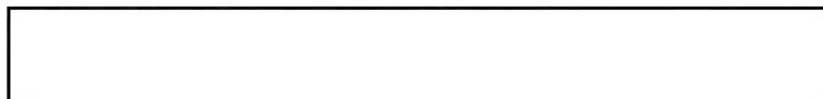
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MARIEL NAVAL AIR STATION 2300N 08246W

AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED.

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PLAYA BARACOA AIRFIELD 2302N 08235W

ONE CAB, 1 COACH/CRATE, 53 HOUND INCLUDING AT LEAST 2
WITHOUT ROTORS, AND 6 HARE.

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[REDACTED]

MANAGUA AIRFIELD 2258N 08217W

AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED.

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[REDACTED]

JAIME GONZALES AIRFIELD 2209N 08025W

AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

TRINIDAD AIRFIELD 2147N 07959W

AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

-PORTS-

MARIEL PORT 2301N 08245W

ONE KRONSTADT-CLASS PC, 1 PF, 12 KOMAR-CLASS PGMG.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

CIENFUEGOS PORT 2209N 08027W

25X1C VESSELS -- ONE KRONSTADT-CLASS PC, 4 PT, 2 PC,
ONE LARGE TANKER TIED AT POL PIER. THREE LARGE
25X1C FREIGHTERS [REDACTED] AT ANCHOR IN
HARBOR [REDACTED] HAS TWO FORWARD HATCHES
OPEN, BOOM IS ACTIVE, AND 3 LIGHTERS ARE ALONGSIDE.
25X1D NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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NUEVITAS PORT 2132N 07716W

25X1C

VESSELS -- 2 FREIGHTERS AT PUNTA LA GUIRA PIERS
AND 2 AT PUERTO DE PASTELILLO NO 4, INCLUDING THE
[REDACTED] WITH ALL HATCHES OPEN AND BOOMS
ACTIVE. TEN RAIL CARS ARE ALONGSIDE ON THE PIER.
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

LA ISABELA PORT 2256N 08001W

ONE LARGE FREIGHTER BERTHED AND ONE FREIGHTER
APPROACHING THE DOCK AREA.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

CARDENAS PORT 2302N 08112W

NO LARGE SHIPS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

CASILDA PORT 2145N 07959W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

MATANZAS PORT 2303N 08134W

VESSELS -- 3 FREIGHTERS OBSERVED, INCLUDING
ONE KRASNOGRAD-CLASS WITH ALL HATCHES OPEN AND
CRANES AT WORK, AT THE NEW WHARF.
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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[REDACTED]

SURGIDERO DE BATABANO PORT 2241N 08218W

NO LARGE VESSELS OBSERVED.

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HAVANA PORT 2308N 08221W

37 FREIGHTERS INCLUDING [REDACTED] (HATCHES CLOSED, BOOMS STOWED), TIED UP ALONGSIDE PIERS AND QUAYS. 5 FREIGHTERS [REDACTED] (HATCHES CLOSED), ANCHORED IN HARBOR. SIX PC, 6 PT, AND 4 PF.

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CABANAS PORT 2259N 08256W

VESSELS -- ONE LARGE FREIGHTER VISIBLE.

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PUERTO PADRE PORT 2113N 07632W

VESSELS -- ONE UNIDENTIFIED SHIP AT CAYO JUAN CLARO PIER. ONE FREIGHTER INBOUND 1.2 NM OFF SHORE. NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

TUNAS DE ZAZA PORT 2136N 07933W

VESSELS -- [REDACTED] REMAINS ANCHORED 1.5 NM SW OF PORT WITH 4 HATCHES OPEN, BOOMS ACTIVE, AND 3 LIGHTERS AND 2 SMALL CRAFT ALONGSIDE. NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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JUCARO PORT 2137N 07851W

VESSELS -- ONE UNIDENTIFIED FREIGHTER WITH ALL HATCHES CLOSED AND BOOMS STOWED, ANCHORED 2.8 NM SSW OF PORT.

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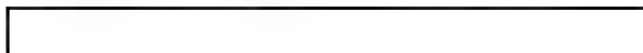
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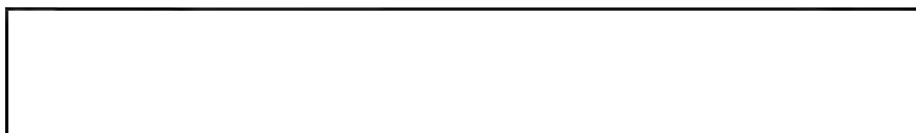
HAVANA AREA, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER 2300N 08226W

15 VANS IN MAIN AREA, AT LEAST 9 OTHER VEHICLES
THROUGHOUT AREA.

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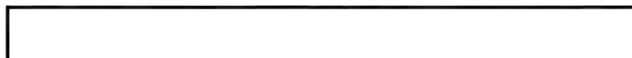


-MILITARY ACTIVITY-

LA BOCA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08242W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES. APPROXIMATELY 14
UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES/PIECES OF EQUIPMENT.

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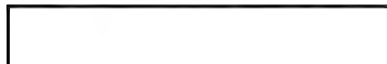


HOLGUIN AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2053N 07614W

CAMP CONTAINS 41 TANKS/SP GUNS, 4 UNIDENTIFIED TRACKED
VEHICLES, 199 CARGO TRUCKS, 16 UTILITY TRUCKS, 4 VAN
TRUCKS, 30 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES, 19 PRIME MOVERS AND
20 FA PIECES.

THE 6-GUN AND 9-GUN AAA SITES REMAIN OCCUPIED.
NO CHANGE IN TENT COUNT.

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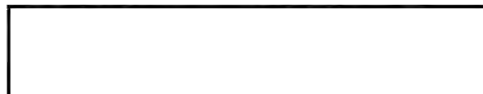
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MINAS, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA 2307N 08212W



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NO APPARENT CHANGE.



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HAVANA, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA 2301N 08226W

NO APPARENT CHANGE. NO VEHICLES.

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SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08220W

SIX TANKS/SP GUNS, APPROXIMATELY 18 LARGE AND 4 SMALL
TENTS, AND APPROXIMATELY 25 CARGO TRUCKS VISIBLE.
THE 6-GUN AND 9-GUN AAA SITES REMAIN OCCUPIED.

25X1D

SAN JOSE DE LAS LAJAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2255N 08210W

NO VEHICLES VISIBLE.

25X1D

TORRENS, MILITARY COMPLEX 2259N 08228W

AT REFORMATORY -- 24 LARGE, 8 MEDIUM AND 6 SMALL
TENTS, 6 VAN TRUCKS AND 8 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES.
MOTOR PARK AND BILLETING .3 NM SOUTH -- 9 LARGE AND 19
MEDIUM TENTS, 25 CARGO TRUCKS, 49 VAN TRUCKS, 22
UTILITY TRUCKS, 26 CARGO TRAILERS AND APPROXIMATELY
100 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES.
MOTOR PARK .7 NM SSW -- 5 SMALL TENTS AND
APPROXIMATELY 105 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES.
MOTOR PARK .9 NM SE - 20 CARGO TRUCKS AND
APPROXIMATELY 123 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES.
AAA SITE 1.5 NM SSE -- AAA SITE REMAINS UNOCCUPIED BUT
6 AAA GUNS ARE PARKED IN AREA. TWO LARGE, ONE MEDIUM
AND 2 SMALL TENTS, 10 PRIME MOVERS AND 16 CARGO TRUCKS
NEARBY.
BILLETING AREA 1.9 NM SOUTH -- 12 LARGE, 6 MEDIUM, AND
13 SMALL TENTS, AND APPROXIMATELY 71 VEHICLES/PIECES
OF EQUIPMENT.
MOTOR PARK 1.2 NM SW -- 10 PROBABLE TANKS.
HAZE AND POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES DETAILED
INTERPRETATION IN MANY OF THE AREAS.

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LIMONAR AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2256N 08124W

NO APPARENT CHANGE.

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MANAGUA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08217W

APPROXIMATELY 375 VEHICLES, 37 LOWBOY TRAILERS, 38 PROBABLE TANKS, 25 OF WHICH ARE ON LOWBOYS IN NORTH VEHICLE PARK.

25X1D

CASCAJAL, MILITARY AREA 2240N 08031W

NO MILITARY ACTIVITY OR EQUIPMENT OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

25X1D

GUANABO AREA, MILITARY AREA 2311N 08203W

NO VEHICLES VISIBLE.

25X1D

CAMPO FLORIDA, MILITARY CAMP 2307N 08206W

NO APPARENT CHANGE.

25X1D

BAJURAYABO AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2308N 08210W

SIX FA PIECES, 3 TOWED FA PIECES, AND APPROXIMATELY 15 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES OBSERVED.

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GUANABACOA, MILITARY AREA 2307N 08215W

TWELVE TOWED FA PIECES AND APPROXIMATELY
10 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES IN WESTERNMOST AREA.
APPROXIMATELY 24 FA, 12 TOWED FA PIECES AND
APPROXIMATELY 35 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES IN EASTERNMOST
AREA.

25X1D

SPECIAL AREA ALPHA 2258N 08227W

NO NEW MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

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SPECIAL AREA HOTEL 2301N 08246W

NO NEW MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

25X1D

SPECIAL AREA BRAVO BLUE 2250N 08233W

NO NEW MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

25X1D

SPECIAL AREA BRAVO RED 2254N 08231W

NO NEW MILITARY ACTIVITY.

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SPECIAL AREA VICTOR 2300N 08234W

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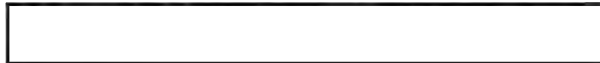
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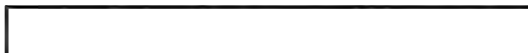
SPECIAL AREA TANGO 2258N 08244W

25X1D NO NEW MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.



LAS VILLAS AREA OF SPECIAL INTEREST 2146N 07959W

25X1D NO NEW MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.



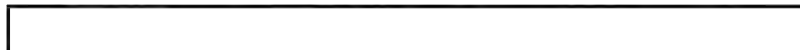
TARARA LANDING BEACH 2310N 08212W

25X1D NO NEW MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.



MATANZAS LANDING BEACH 2301N 08126W

25X1D NO NEW MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.



VARADERO LANDING BEACH 2308N 08118W

25X1D NO APPARENT CHANGE.



CIENFUEGOS LANDING BEACH 2202N 08036W

25X1D NO NEW MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.



ENSENADA COLORADO LANDING BEACH 2202N 08025W

25X1D NO NEW MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.



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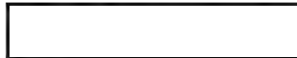
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EL CALVARIO, MUNITIONS STORAGE 2303N 08220W

SITE NOW CONTAINS 6 EARTH-COVERED BUNKERS WITH
ABUTTED ENTRANCES. NO ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

25X1D



PAVANA AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08218W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN AREAS 2 AND 3. AREA 1 NOT
OBSERVED.

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SAN FRANCISCO DE PAULA, MUNITIONS STGE SITE 2303N 08218W

NO APPARENT CHANGE.

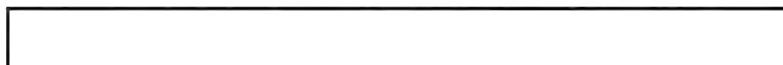
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MANAGUA, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITE 2258N 08218W

NO APPARENT CHANGE, NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.

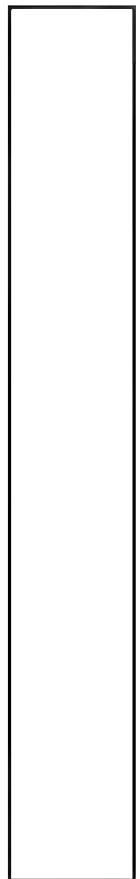
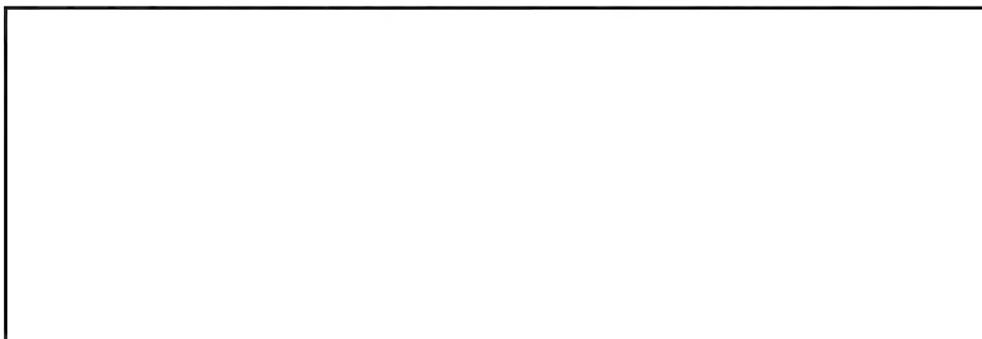
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BEJUCAL, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITES 2256N 08223W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN STORAGE SITES.
NINE CARGO TRUCKS AND APPROXIMATELY 10
UNIDENTIFIED PIECES OF EQUIPMENT/VEHICLES IN
HEADQUARTERS AREA.

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LA BOCA, INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION 2301N 08245W



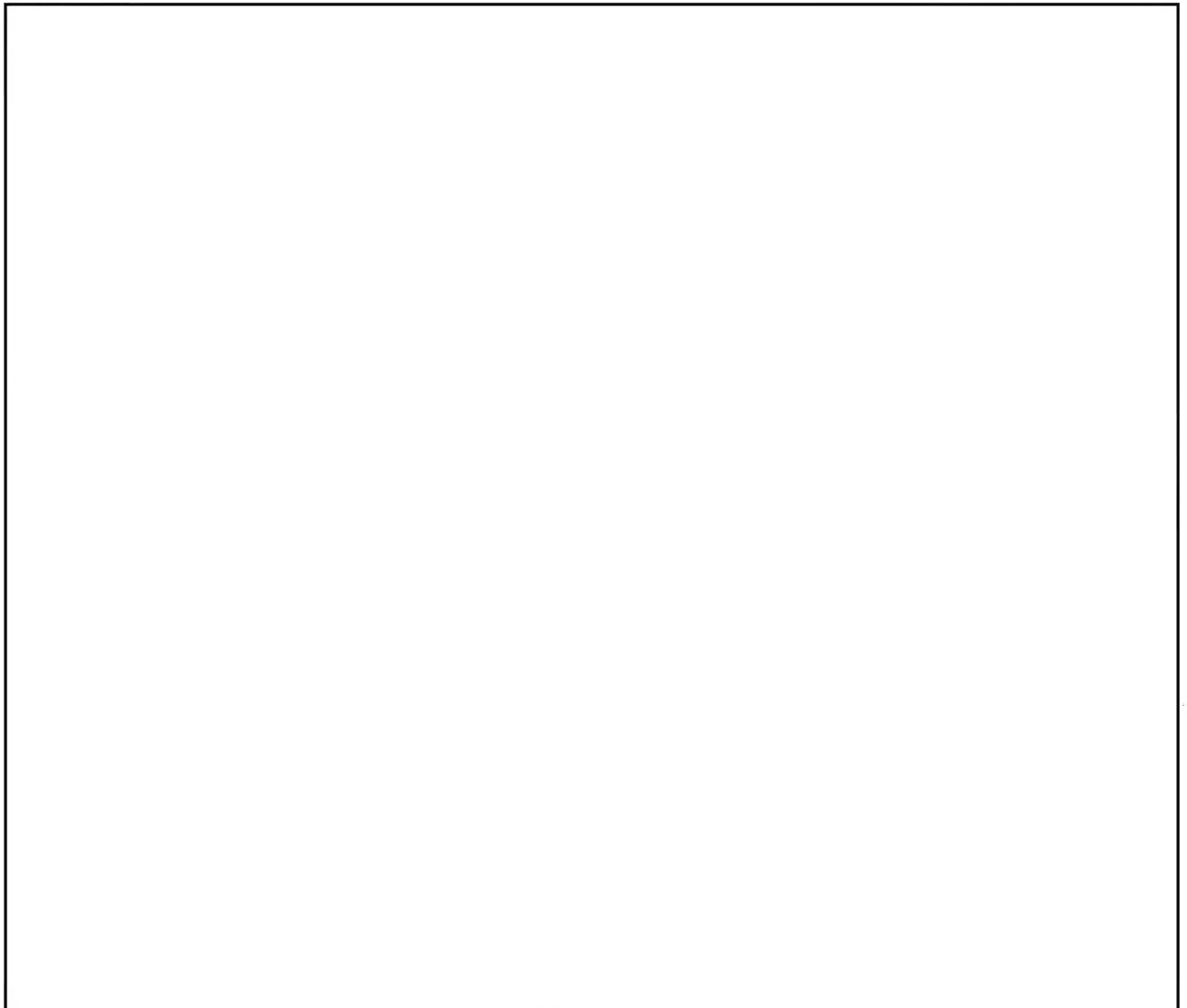
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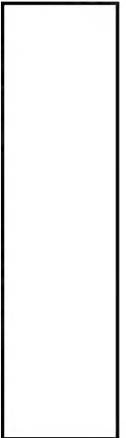


-STATUS OF OTHER TARGETS-

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS COULD BE IDENTIFIED
BUT NOT INTERPRETED --

REMEDIOS IRBM SITE	2225N 07935W
CHAPARRA SAM SITE	2107N 07626W
MANATI SAM SITE	2113N 07702W
LA FLORA AREA, MILITARY STORAGE	2252N 08233W
ARTEMISA, MILITARY CAMP	2251N 08248W
CABANAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP	2256N 08252W
REMEDIOS AREA, MILITARY CAMP	2227N 07934W
MADRUGA, POL STORAGE	2256N 08149W
JOVELLANOS, MILITARY AREA	2248N 08112W
NAZARENO, MILITARY AREA	2258N 08214W
LA ROSITA AREA, STORAGE INSTALLATION	2208N 08004W
MANICARAGUA AREA, EXPLOSIVES STORAGE SITE	2206N 07958W

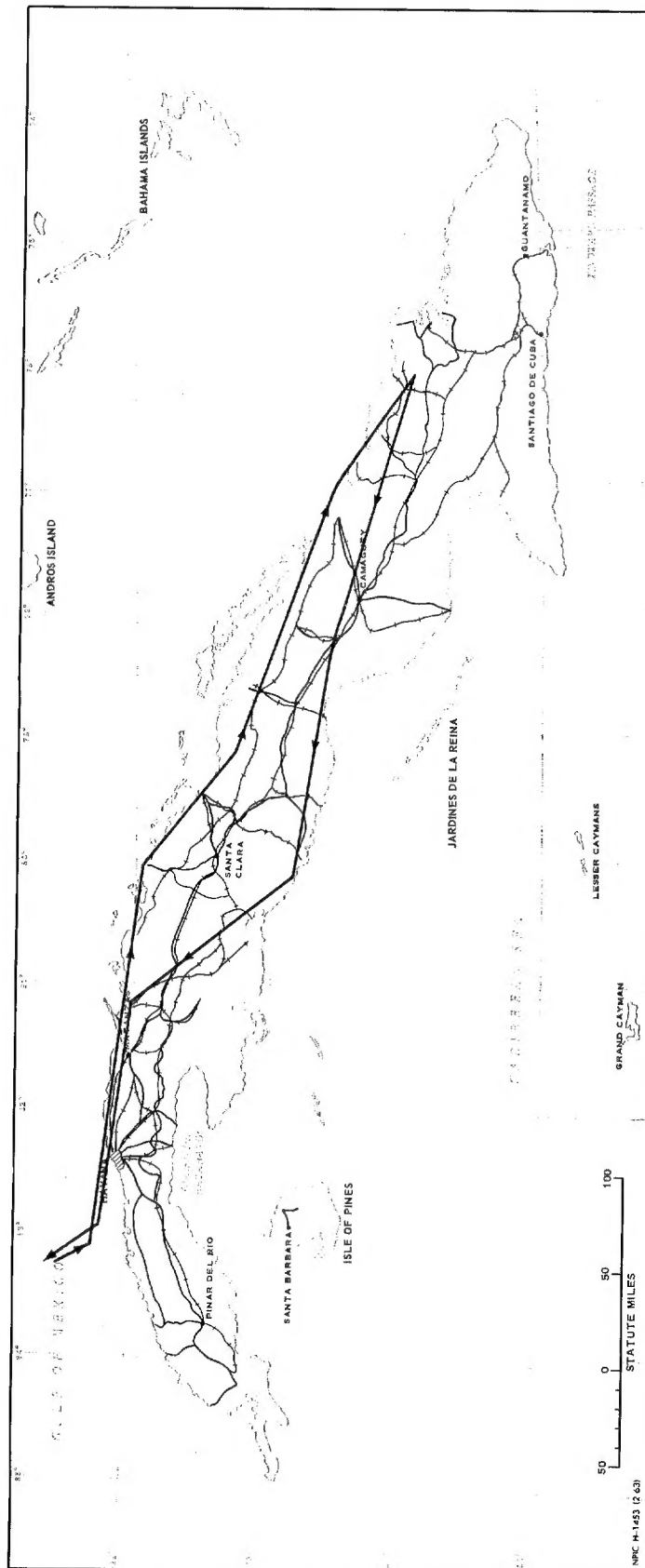
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